

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 206

February 6, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Appropriates \$300,000 to the University of Memphis Earth Sciences Department, to study the development of ecological tourism in Tennessee.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$300,000/One-Time

Assumptions:

- The bill appropriates \$300,000 in one-time state expenditures to fund a study of the developing area of ecological tourism in the state.
- According to the Tennessee Higher Education Commission, the cost to conduct the study will include 25 percent of the salary of a principal investigator (\$60,000), salary and benefits of a visiting professor (\$123,000 salary and \$38,500 benefits), salary of a graduate research assistant (\$36,000), travel (\$6,000), operating expenses (\$6,500), equipment (\$5,000), and tuition/fees for the graduate assistant (\$25,000).

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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